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Corps Seeks Comment on Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan (PCS)

The Wilmington District, Corps of Engineers (Corps) has received an application from The Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan, Phosphate Inc., Aurora facility (PCS), Post Office Box 48, Aurora, North Carolina, 27806 seeking Department of the Army authorization to impact 2,408 acres of waters of the United States including wetlands and navigable waters to continue its phosphate mining operation on Hickory Point, north of Aurora, Beaufort County, North Carolina. The Corps has been reviewing the request pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act. The Corps has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), rigorously exploring and objectively evaluating the environmental and socioeconomic impacts of the applicant proposed project and reasonable alternatives.

With this Public Notice, the Corps is soliciting comments on the applicant's proposed project, and completeness of the DEIS, and announcing a public hearing. A more detailed description of the proposed action, alternatives and proposed compensatory mitigation is provided in the DEIS. The DEIS can be reviewed on the Wilmington District Regulatory homepage at, www.saw.usace.army.mil/wetlands. Written copies are available for viewing at the following library locations:

Hazel Guilford Memorial Library
524 Main Street
Aurora, NC

BHM Regional Library
158 N. Market Street
Washington, NC

Pamlico County Library
603 Main Street
Bayboro, NC

New Bern – Craven County Library
400 Johnson Street
New Bern, NC

Written or CD copies may also be obtained by contacting Ms. Alex Rhodes at (910) 251-4633.

A Public Hearing on this project and the DEIS will be held at Southside High School located at 5700 Highway 33 East, Chocowinity, Beaufort County, NC on December 14, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. Written comments pertinent to the proposed work, as outlined above, and to the DEIS will be received by the Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, until 5pm, January 27, 2007. Comments should be submitted to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, Regulatory Division. ATTN: File Number 2001-10096, Post Office Box 1890, Wilmington, NC 28402-1890.